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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Akira KOGUCHI

Serial No.: 09/611,635

Filing Date: July 7, 2000

For: CONTAINER HANDLING SYSTEM

> FOR SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD OF

HANDLING CONTAINERS

Examiner:

Group Art Unit: 3652

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Box Missing Parts Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant petitions the Assistant Commissioner for Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts dated October 6, 2000. This extension will extend the time from December 6, 2000, to January 8, 2001 (the first business day after January 6, 2001).

- \blacksquare A one month(s) extension is requested; the extension fee is \$110.00.
- X A check in the amount of \$110.00 is attached.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under

37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 that may be required by this petition, or to credit any overpayment to 01/1E/2001 HMARMOL 00000083 09611635

<u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. 19937.20018.00. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed for that purpose.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 19937-20018.00. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated:

January 8, 2001

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